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#### **Councillor Vacancy**

There is currently one vacancy on the parish council. If you are interested in local matters and would like to discuss joining the council then please contact the Clerk on the number above.

#### **Council Meetings**

Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm at the village hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Minutes and agendas are available on the council's website at www.chippenhamcambs.info/parish-council

Details of current planning applications can be found at www.eastcambs.gov.uk

**Newsletter Deadline for next edition: 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023** If you are a member of a local club or group and would like to feature in the newsletter, please contact us. If you would like to receive the reminder email for submissions, please let us know.

Submissions for the newsletter should be sent to Newsletter@chippenhamcambs.info

#### **Parish Council Update**

Since our last update the council chairman Cllr Nick Bennett has met with the Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston. They walked around Chippenham and discussed the issues of speeding and rural crime. Cllr Bennett has requested that there is more police presence in Chippenham and suggested that the police vary their routine journeys so that they drive via Chippenham on occasion. This request will be fed back to Ely Police.

The council has been successful in securing a Pride of Place grant from East Cambs District Council. This money will be used to improve the wildflower areas in the Under 12s play area. New seasonal spring bulbs will be bought and planted, the old tulips from the planters will be used in the area and drought tolerant wildflower seed will be sown for some summer colour and to create a natural habitat and food source for insects. The grant will also fund a new tree for the area which will be planted to replace one that had to be removed last year.

The parish council had arranged for the surface of the spiral slide to be refinished. This work is now complete and we are told that the ride down the slide is now a much more pleasant, and faster, experience. Just in time for half term too!

Thank you for the volunteers who came out on Saturday 14th October to help us plant 800 bulbs in the verges along the High Street and at the top of Tharp Way. We look forward to seeing the new flowers in the spring.

The council has been in discussion with the diocese to request for the allotment hedge to be cut to improve the look of the street scene and ensure that there is good visibility for residents when crossing the road between the two footpaths. The work has now been carried out and the hedge is looking much tidier.

The council has been asked to provide feedback to Cambridgeshire County Council regarding their Highways Service. Our feedback focussed on providing prompt responses to issues raised such as potholes, broken signs etc. and the lack of communication from CCC. We hope that this feedback will help to improve their service.

The council is considering undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a major project which would provide some protection to the community against speculative development. However, the decision on if to take this forward will depend on whether there is sufficient buy-in from the community and enough volunteers willing to get involved in shaping the plan. If this is something that you may be interested in then please contact the parish council on clerk@chippenhamcambs.info You do not need to join the council to be involved.



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#### What's on in Freckenham

#### **November & December 2023**

Meet Up Monday at the Village Hall 2 - 3.30pm. Free event.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 3rd Nov "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" (Jim Broadbent). An ordinary man passes through life on the sidelines until the day he goes to mail a letter and just keeps walking. £7 a person with free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Sunday 5th Nov Shoe Box Send Off at St Andrew's Church 3pm.

**Saturday 11th Nov** https://beverleybishop.com/ with Peachy & Me. In a moment of panic on live television, Beverley announced she was working on a non-existent magic show. So she enlisted the help of her clown Peachy and here it is. "Peachy & Me" invites you into a world where storytelling, magic and comedy entwine to celebrate the triumph of joy amidst life's challenges. This is an empowering empathetic experience that will touch your heart. "Peachy & Me" will leave you with a renewed sense of lightness, a smile on your face, and a deeper connection to your own inner clown. A Pay What You Can performance. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, starts 7.30pm.

**Friday 17th Nov** Talk by Fordham Resident about her life experiences in South Africa. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, starts 7.30pm. Donations in aid of Soham Hedgehogs.

**Saturday 25th Nov** Farmers Market with some Crafts 10-12 noon, regular stalls last one of 2023, back 27th Jan. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes.

Wednesday 29th Nov Christmas Craft Fair 6-9pm

First Friday of Month Film Night 1st Dec Film TBC

Sunday 17th Dec Carol Service at St Andrew's Freckenham all welcome.

Just keep looking out and/or follow us on Facebook freckenhamvh, Freckenham Community Group, Freckenham Film Nights and of course the website or VH mobile 07542 198933

Weekly events check website if attending for first time or after a break. Under 5's again Wednesday 10 - 11.30am, https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/



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#### Chippenham 100 Club Winners

Winne	rs for June 2023:			
1st	Dora Nicolle	£40		
2nd	Tim Denniff	£20		
3rd	Natalia Doyle	£10		
Bonus	Sue Evans-Smith	£60		
Bonus	Chris Hobbs	£60		
Winners for July 2023:				
1st	Jon Van de Peer	£40		
2nd	Cliff Spruce	£20		
3rd	Mark Daniels	£10		
Winners for August 2023:				
1st	Mandy Blackwell	£40		
2nd	Shona Rutherford	£20		
3rd	Chris Royston	£10		

#### **VILLAGE HALL**

The hall and committee room are available for private hire.

The village hall is suitable for parties, group meetings, social events, exercise classes and entertainment

The committee room sits up to 12 people and can be hired separately or in conjunction with the main hall.

Rates from just £6 per hour.
For availability please call Pat on 01638 721324

#### St Margaret's Church

I wonder whether you are expecting to have an Advent Calendar this year? For many people, especially children, the countdown to Christmas can seem very long, and an Advent calendar helps to make the waiting more bearable.

When I was young, an Advent calendar was a cardboard picture with little flaps which opened to reveal ... little pictures. That kind is still about, but nowadays Advent calendars are far, far more. There are ones with a small chocolate behind each number, or a big chocolate, or Lego, or beer, or Gin & Tonic, or ... almost anything.

The Body Shop Box of Wishes and Wonders, is filled with skincare and beauty products, and it's a snip at £145 – at least compared to the Dior version for £3,400!

There are calendars based on books, films, TV series, and games, and some decidedly eye-opening ones! I couldn't decide whether the most niche one was beard oils, or Raspberry Pi computer components.

Some places have trouble deciding whether they want to help us with the waiting for Christmas, or just want to part us from our money: Melt Chocolate has a "12 Days of Christmas Chocolate Advent Calendar" which is very confusing because the 12 days of Christmas only begin once Advent has finished. And Maison Francis Kurkdjian turns the whole idea on its head with its "After Calendar" designed to run from Christmas to New Year – if you have £950 to spend.

Back with the more normal sort of Advent calendar, it's nice to have a bit of Christmas now, even though we know it's not yet here, and that mixture of "now and not yet" has a lot in common with the Christian faith. Every Advent we wait for Christmas when we celebrate Jesus being born, because it's "not yet". At the same time we know that Jesus was born 2000 years ago, so he is here "now" as well.

Jesus himself taught his followers that "the Kingdom of God has come" – it is Now, but it's hard to see the evidence of that because it's Not Yet fully realised. The anticipation of Advent and the joy of Christmas are a picture for us of that Kingdom as we wait for it.

If you haven't sorted out your Advent calendar yet, why not do an online search for "charity advent calendar"? There are plenty of options to enjoy while you wait for Not Yet of Advent to become the Now of Christmas, and do other people good at the same time.

Revd Steve Day

#### **Church Services**

2 Nov 7pm All Souls Compline Service

5 Nov 11am 4 Before Advent All Saints Eucharist

12 Nov 3 Before Advent Remembrance (At Snailwell)

19 Nov 11am 2 Before Advent Eucharist

26 Nov 11am Christ the King Morning Praise

3 Dec 6pm Advent Sunday Advent Carol Service

10 Dec 11am Advent 2 Morning Prayer

16 Dec 6pm Blue Christmas

17 Dec 11am Advent 3 Morning Prayer

24 Dec 6pm Advent 4 Christmas Carol Service Steve Day

25 Dec 11am Eucharist

31 Dec 11am Morning Prayer

7 Jan 11am Eucharist Steve Day

14 Jan 11am Epiphany 2 Morning Prayer Steve Day & Mark Walsh

21 Jan 11am Epiphany 3 Eucharist Peter Maxwell

28 Jan 11am Epiphany 4 Morning Prayer Terri Roberts



#### CAN THE ALAN WRIGHT DEVELOPMENT FUND HELP YOU?

Many of you will have known Alan Wright, who died unexpectedly last year. He was at the centre of our village community, always active and supporting activities that took place in Chippenham. To help ensure Alan's contribution to the local community is remembered the Cricket Club has set up the Alan Wright Development Fund.

The Fund is aimed at helping individuals better themselves and/or attend training that will enable them to help others improve. Alan was helped himself by a scholarship to Bedford School. His long career in teaching helped many to develop and flourish. During his working life and in retirement, his desire to volunteer was one of his



many virtues. Therefore, setting up a fund in his name aimed at supporting others to do the same thing seemed an appropriate way of remembering him

The fund is not necessarily just available to use for cricket related activities and the Fund's committee welcomes applications for funding from the wider community.

Applications for funding of between £50 and £300 are welcome.

For applications to be viewed in a fair and structured manner the committee will only review applications made on the Fund's application form. The application form can be found on the Cricket Club's website at the following link: www.chippenhamcricket.co.uk/aw-development-fund

Before making your application, you should consider if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. The request supports an initiative that will help an individual or group develop themselves in such a way that will result in benefitting others.
- 2. The request supports an individual or group in taking advantage of a rare opportunity and the experience is expected to have a positive impact on their future development.

Please send completed application forms to cricketchippenham@gmail.com

## Chippenham Village Tennis Club



#### Winter Tennis

With the warmer weather giving way to Autumn and the evenings drawing in, our Thursday evening club night has finished for another year. If you wish to continue playing tennis, the courts are still available for all members to use.

We are in the process of sourcing winter coaching for both juniors and adults, and will update our members once secured. If you would like to find out more information on our coaching, please contact us on the email below.

If you would like to join the tennis club or have any questions, please contact us on our new email:

chippenhamvillagetennis@gmail.com

#### Tennis Court Rules

Members only

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times

Tennis court shoes or non-marking soled trainers only

No skateboards, bikes or scooters allowed on courts

No pets allowed on courts

Unwind nets after use

Ensure clubhouse and courts are locked when finished

Please leave courts clean and tidy

Membership renewal's will be released in January 2024

#### **Chippenham Park Gardens 2024**

Chippenham Park Gardens will be extending our open gardens for 2024. We will be open to the public everyday from Saturday, 20th January-Friday, 29th March 2024 inclusive, 10am-4pm (last entry 3pm). Followed by 3rd April 2024 - 9th June 2024 (Wednesday-Sunday - excluding Saturdays). Please always check the website before you visit for any last minute updates.

Delicious sausages and soup, home-made cakes and other refreshments are available from our tearooms. Cash Admission £7, children aged 5-16yrs £3. Villagers on foot are welcome for free – please bring proof. Dogs welcome on leads. We can't wait to welcome you back in the new year.



#### Coming Up...





#### THE LIONEL/STEVIE SHOW

An amazing show fronted by MR MOTOWN himself, André C, who's brought you the cast of The MAGIC OF MOTOWN & The STORY OF SOUL shows.

Performing all the Motown classics: Superstition, Three Times A Lady, Isn't She Lovely, Dancing On The Ceiling and more...

10th November | 7:30pm

£17.50

#### IN THE COMPANY OF ... JANICE HALLETT

The author of the smash-hit, bestselling mystery thriller of 2021, The Appeal, has a special Christmas surprise this autumn: a return to the scene of the original crime, a new whodunnit to captivate new and old readers alike. Janice will discuss this latest novel, her catalogue of books and her own amdram experiences in a wide-ranging interview with host DeeDee Doke.

17th November | 7:30pm

£20 with book | £10 without book



#### CUSTARD COMEDY WITH ARTHUR SMITH HEADLINING

A comedy Legend: an Edinburgh Fringe statwart and a club compere since the early days of the alternative scene, he still uses many of the same gags today.

18th November | 8pm

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#### WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? (12A)

Starring Emma Thompson and Lily James, an award-winning film-maker documents her best friend's journey into an assisted marriage in line with his family's Pakistani heritage. In the process, she challenges her own attitude towards relationships.

21st November I 2pm

£5



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#### DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS FABULOUS CAT - PANTO

Join Dick and his cat as they seek to make their fortune and foil the dastardly King Rat! Expect toe tapping songs, laughs galore and loads of audience participation in this much-loved rags to riches story and celebration of dear old London Town. Make sure you're aboard for the trip of a lifetime!

1st - 10th December

£15

#### IN THE COMPANY OF... ELLEE SEYMOUR

Cambridgeshire author Ellee Seymour was inspired by the history of Wolferton Royal Station and Sandringham, the much-loved home to the Royal family since 1862, and embarked on writing a trilogy based on the real lives of station master Harry Saward and his family.

15th December I 2nn

£5





#### WHITE CHRISTMAS (U)

Singers Bob and Phil join sister act Betty and Judy to perform a Christmas show in rural Vermont.

There, they run into Gen. Waverly, the boys' commander in World War II, who, they learn, is having financial difficulties; his quaint country inn is failing. So what's the foursome to do but plan a yuletide miracle: a fun-filled musical extravaganza that's sure to put Waverly and his business in the black!

19th December | 2pm



Do you want to escape to the sun and have some fun? Give yourself a break from Christmas and join The Viva Theatre Mamma Mia intensive workshop! At 7pm on the last day participants will perform in a Mamma Mia inspired Musical Showcase.

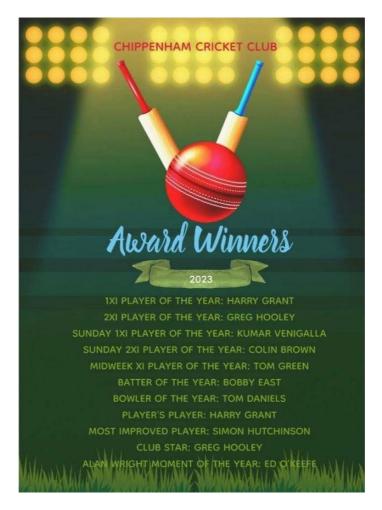
28th - 30th December | 10am - 5pm

£90



www.viva-group.org.uk | 01353 722228 The Viva Theatre, Spencer Drove, Soham CB7 6EE

#### **Cricket Club**



We are a family club, with Men's, Ladies, Boys and Girls teams and offer cricket from the age of 5 years upwards for all abilities. While cricket is the main part of our activity, our primary aim is to provide a social platform for the local community and run and support a number of local events. So even if you don't want to play cricket but want to get involved with a local club and meet local people, please get in touch and we can explain more.

You can find out more information at our website: - www.chippenhamcricket.co.uk Or if you have any questions email us at: cricketchippenham@gmail.com

#### Dog Fouling – please be a responsible owner

It is an offence to allow a dog under your control to foul in a public area. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

If you see someone not clearing up after their dog, please report them to the dog warden at East Cambs District Council. The Dog Warden will be patrolling the area.

Thank you

Chippenham Parish Council



#### **Christmas Bonus for Chippenham Pensioners**



The village has a charity fund that is used to give a Christmas bonus to pensioners in the parish. If you received the bonus last year you need not re-apply. If you would like to apply and are not already on our list, please complete the form below.

Only those people who are of state pension age are eligible to apply.

Please return this form to the Clerk at 44b High Street, Chippenham by Friday 15th December 2023.

I/We would like to receive the Chippenham Christmas Bonus.

Please add my/our name(s) to the list.

I confirm the above information is correct

Name (please print): \_

Address : \_

State Pension Age and Date of Birth

The parish council will retain your details for future use for this fund. You can ask to be removed from this list at any time by contacting the Clerk at the above address.



# Chippenham 'Seniors' Lunches

#### What are they?

These lunch events are open to any current, or former, Chippenham resident who has reached a 'certain age' (65 or thereabouts!). There are, currently, around 30 of us, which includes helpers and organisers as well as regular, or occasional, lunchgoers. No regular commitment required – just come as you please.

For £7.50 a head, all enjoy a convivial, hearty 2 course meal in the village hall or, on occasion, a local restaurant or pub where we try to keep the cost below £12 for a 2-course meal.

We have an annual Christmas lunch, for which there is no charge.

#### When and where do they happen?

It varies, and we haven't met for a while, but we aim to meet every 6-8 weeks, or so, on a weekday. For every 1-2 meals in the village hall, we go out to a local restaurant or pub (the carvery at the Heathcourt Hotel has been a popular destination). Tuesdays have generally worked best – but the lunch organisers (or co-ordinating 'committee') is open to any suggestions, as Tuesdays, or some venues, do not suit everyone all the time.

#### How do I get there?

Transport is organised among the participants and can be co-ordinated by the committee (generally a car-share arrangement).

#### How do I find out more?

If you, or somebody you know, would like to be on the contact/mailing list please speak to any of us – and if you have any ideas, or would like to help in any way, do get in touch.

Fiona and Isobel Wendy
Peter Maxwell Newport-Mangell Parsons
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Or email: isobelpaul@btinternet.com



#### THARP ARMS - UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you for the support shown towards the Sunday meat raffle and bonus cash prize game. This is drawn every Sunday approx 3pm, tickets cost £2 and are available from behind the bar. We have had cash prizes of up to £500!

All our meat is supplied by TFM BUTCHERS, Isleham.

Here are some dates of future events planned.

Friday 3rd Nov: Jackdaws music 7.30-9.30

Street food with Chicken n Tings 5-8

Friday 10th Nov: Street food with Pigs in trailer 5-8.

Friday 17th Nov: Steak n Honour 5-8

Saturday 18th Nov: Music with Bad monkey driver 7.30-9.30

Street food with Wokwraps 5-8

Friday 1st Dec: Pizza Passione 5-8

Wednesday 6th Dec: Chippenham C.C darts night 7.30

Friday 15th Dec: Steak n Honour 5-8

Saturday 16th Dec 7.30

Liam's Christmas charity disco in aid of liver cancer,

plus Darren's fun Christmas sona knockout

Thursday 21st Dec

3 course Christmas lunch 1pm, £25 p.p, booking necessary Saturday 23rd Dec: Christmas quiz and prize draw 7pm

For further updates please check out Tharp Arms Facebook page and the chalk boards out the front.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Bev and Tom

#### **Heating Oil Co-op**

## Deadline for ordering – midnight TUESDAY 21st November 2023

If you would like some oil, please send me your order by card or e-mail by the deadline above.

If you are not yet a member, live in either Chippenham or Snailwell, and would like to join please let me have your:

- 1. Name
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- **4.** Any special instructions like:
  - a. Aga additive required
  - b. Oil tank through the gate at left of house
- 5. And of course, how many litres you want and whether you want just that quantity, or a fill up if possible. Please remember that the legal minimum per address is 500 litres (trading standards rules)
- 6. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you get a response from me. If you do not, then I did **NOT** receive your order, and it cannot be included in the Co-op order.

The new year for subs begins on 6th April 2023. Thanks to the 24 people who have already paid their £5 subs for the period from April 2023 to March 2024. If you want some oil in November/December please ensure that you have paid the subs before ordering. The next order deadline will be 1n January 2024.

Please send your orders to: jamesghurst@outlook.com or a card to 47 High Street



**Presents** 

# PEACHY & ME

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Booking 07542 198 933 or email: freckenhamvh@outlook.com

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#### **Mobile Library**

The mobile library calls at Chippenham every second Wednesday from 10.15-10.35 and parks at the Village Hall. All vehicles have a lift for wheelchair users or those who find stairs difficult.

Please do come and visit us and support the service!





#### Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 2nd December @4:30pm at 17 High Street with Phils Snax food van

#### Christmas disco

Saturday 16th December @9pm charity Christmas disco at the **Tharp Arms** 

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### **Chippenham Speed Data**

Chip	penhar	n Spee	d Sign	Data	Issued:	06/10/2023	
Speed Sign Number	Loca	tion	Recording Start Date	Recording End Date	Towards The Sign	Away From The Sign	
One	Village Hall, High Street		01/09/2023	01/10/2023	To Kennett	To Fordham	
Vehicles Direction	Average Speed (mph)	Maximum Speed (mph)	Maximum Number per Hour	Numbers for the Month	Averaging 30mph & Below (%)	Averaging 31mph to 35mph (%)	
Towards The Sign	23.62	83	190	64319	92.05	6.37	
Away From The Sign	25.47	104	200	65856	83.23	13.02	
Chippenham Speed Sign Data Issued: 06/10/2023							
Speed Sign Number	Location		Recording Start Date	Recording End Date	Towards The Sign	Away From The Sign	
Two	Old School, High Street		01/09/2023	01/10/2023	To Fordham	To Kennett	
Vehicles Direction	Average Speed (mph)	Maximum Speed (mph)	Maximum Number per Hour	Numbers for the Month	Averaging 30mph & Below (%)	Averaging 31mph to 35mph (%)	
Towards The Sign	25.37	64	185	51965	87.48	10.66	
Away From The Sign	25.91	63	180	47945	84.14	13.75	
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# November the 2<sup>nd</sup> A Candle for All Souls' Day

St Margaret's Church, Chippenham

For the past few years, a tealight has been posted to the households in Chippenham in readiness for All Souls Day

#### **All Souls' Day**

All Souls' Day, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, is a day dedicated to prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who are no longer with us.

#### **Bringing light into the darkness**

Lighting a candle can be a strong symbol of our commitment to remember someone after their death, as well as an aid to contemplation.

#### **Sung Compline**

This is a short (20 minutes) service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. St Margaret's choir will sing the service to plainchant (similar to Gregorian chant), by candlelight, and the congregation is invited to rest and be refreshed by the prayer, music and space.

You are invited to write the name(s) of those you would like to be remembered in prayer on the candle and bring it to our All Souls Candlelit Compline Service on Thursday 2nd of November, 6.30 pm ...or to drop it off at St Margaret's Church (you will find a container in the South (Side) porch - which is always open) to be lit in memory of a loved one.

"Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them"